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### NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE REFERENCES

- ☒ Enclosed is an Office Action dated November 7, 2006 from a corresponding Japanese patent application, along with four cited references and a prior art reference.
- ☐ The specification incorporates comments on the relevancy of Non-English language references.
- ☐ Set forth below are comments provided by the applicant's home country counsel on the relevancy of non-English language references:

Respectfully submitted,  
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	05-53807	07/20/93	Japan				X
	06-023604	02/01/94	Japan				X
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